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CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be known as the Beulah Baptist Association.

Art. 2. The object of this Association shall be (a) To advance the cause of Christ among men; (b) To advocate peace and unity among the churches; (c) To encourage Home and Foreign Mission. (d) To promote Minsterial Education; (e) To aid in maintaining Rich Square Institute.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of ministers from the churches connected with it. Each church shall have a right to send two delegates who must be in good standing and fellowship in the churches which they represent. All ordained ministers doing pastorial work in the bounds of this Association shall be considered as members.

Art. 4. The delegates from each church shall present a letter stating the condition of the church and amount of money sent for each special object, certifying the election and naming the delegate.

Art. 5. Officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurer and Historian, all of whom shall be at each annual meeting, and shall hold their offices a term of one year from date of election or until their successors are elected or installed.

Art. 6. Duties of Officers – The Moderator shall preside during the deliberations of the Association; shall preserve order, vote in case of a tie; decide questions of order; sign all orders for disbursements of money, and perform all duties of the upon such office.

The Vice-Moderator shall assume all duties of the Moderator in his absence.

Art. 8. The Recording Secretary shall record all proceedings of each session: sign all orders legally drawn on the Treasurer; compile the minutes for publication and distribute the same when printed among the churches. Moreover, he shall keep a true account of all money deposited into and paid out of the treasury.

Art. 9. The Corresponding Secretary shall keep correspondence with other Associations, religious societies and persons, ordained ministers and render a written report at each annual meeting.

Art. 10. The Treasurer shall receive and hold all funds coming into this Association and disburse the same upon presentation of orders signed by the Moderator and Secretary of this body. He shall report annually to the Association the condition of the treasury and shall be held responsible for all money placed in his hands.

Art. 11. Any Missionary Baptist Church may become a member

of this Association by presenting a petition at any annual meeting through delegates and if admitted shall pay an initiation fee of $5. when so received the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates. The Association will not maintain fellowship with any church that fails to adhere to gospel principle.

Art. 12. There shall be an Executive Board of seven whose duty it shall be to supervise the work of the Association between meetings and to distribute the surplus funds for the promotion of the objects of this Association.

Art. 13. This Association shall hold its sessions annually at such times and place as it may deem expedient, and may invite visiting brethren to seats and grant them all the privileges of attending legal matterns except voting.

Art. 14. Each applicant before being ordained to the gospel ministry shall furnish a letter of recommendation from his church testifying to his moral standing and fitness for the ministry and shall pass a thorough examination before a committee appointed by the Association at its annual session on the following branches of study: Spelling, Arithmetic, Reading, Writing, Geography, Grammer, the life of Christ and the Apostles, church history, church government and biblical interpretations. A failure to average 80 per cent will forbid ordination.

Art. 15. This constitution may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote of all the members present.

RULES OF ORDER

Section 1—This body shall convene annually at the time of appointment.

Sec. 2—During each annual session it shall meet and adjourn from day to day at the hour fixed by the body.

Sec. 3—All meetings of this body shall be opened and closed by religious exercises.

Sec. 4.—A majority of the members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Sec. 5—No member shall absent himself temporarily without leave of the Moderator or finally without leave of the body.

Proceedings of the Ministers' Conference

Conway, N. C., October 4, 1927.

The Ministers' Conference of the Beulah Baptist Association was called to order by its Chairman at 2 o'clock P. M. Revs. R Moore and L. Edwards conducted the devotional exercises. The Chairman, Rev. T. H. Edwards announced the meeting open and asked Deacon N. T. Calvert to deliver the address of welcome. Deacon Calvert gave a most cordial welcome which was responded to by Deacon H. D. Manley.

A round-table talk was next in order, during which time many of the Brothers made strong and encouraging expressions relative to the Association.

Dr. C. S. Brown, Moderator of the West Roanoke Association was presented, he gave to the Conference some very inspiring and instructive remarks.

A collection of $4.05 was taken.

Benediction by Rev. R. Moore.

Proceedings

WEDNESDAY—Morning Session

The Beulah Baptist Association convened in its 23rd Annual Session with Zoar Baptist Church, Wednesday after the first Lord's day in October, 1927. The Moderator called the Association to order at 9:30 A. M. Devotional exercises were conducted by Revs. J. Parker and R. Moore, Rev. Parker lined and sang Hymn 233, Rev. Moore read nine verses of the 55th chapter of Isaiah and offered prayer.

The Moderator asked Rev P. A. Bishop, Pastor of Zoar Church to extend to the Association a word of welcome Rev. K. E. Grant came forward and in a fitting way responded to what the Pastor said in his address of welcome.

The roll of Officers and Churches was called. The Moderator proceeded to appoint the various Committee.

The Committee on Hours made the following report: Assemble at 9 o'clock A. M.; Adjourn at 12:30 P. M.; Reassemble at 2:30 P. M.; Adjourn at pleasure.

Rev. K. E. Grant preached the Annual Sermon, he selected for a text 2nd Timothy 11th chapter and 5th verse. Prayer was offered by Rev. Parker. A collection of $5.25 was raised. Benediction by Rev. D. L. Simons.

WEDNESDAY—Afternoon Session

The Association reassembled at 2:30 P. M. Devotions were conducted by Revs L. B. Day and L. Edwards, hymn No 562 was lined and sung. Rev. Day read 15 verses of the 15th chapter of St John. Prayer by Rev. Edwards. The proceedings of the forenoon session were read and adopted. Drs. D. L. Simons and C. S. Brown were introduced to the Association and made timely remarks. Dr. C. S. Brown. President of the Lott-Carey Convention delivered an address on Foreign Missions, he made a stirring and strong appeal for the redemption of the world. A collection of $26 50 was taken for Missions. Benediction by Rev. R. V. James.

THURSDAY—Morning Session

Devotions were conducted by Revs. R. V. James and A. J. Parker. Rev. James led in singing several spiritual selections and read 19 verses of the 6th chapter of St. Luke. Rev. Parker offered prayer.

The proceedings of Wednesday morning's session were read and adopted The following Committee reported, (see reports): Temperence, Resolutions, Education and Officers.

Dr. J. H. Moore of Durham, N. C., delivered his famous sermon on "Christian Stewardship". A collection of $40 00 was raised. Benediction by Rev. Grant.

THURSDAY—Afternoon Session

Song service was conducted by Rev. R. V. James. Prayer offered by Rev. Day.

The proceedings of the morning session were read and adopted. Rev. D. L Simons was presented to preach the closing sermon, he selected as a text 14th verse of sixth chapter of Romans, subject: "The Cross." Collection of $6.59 was raised. The following Committees (see report) reported: Time and Place, Finance.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the Pastor and Members of Zoar Baptist Church for their hospitality.

Benediction by Rev. R. V. James.

W. S. Creecy, Moderator.
P. A. Bishop, Secretary.

Supplement Reports

(1) On Time and Place

We your Committee on Time and Place desire to report as

follows: The next session of the Beulah Baptist Association will convene with the Second Baptist Church, Potecasi, Potecasi, N. C., on Tuesday after the 1st Sunday in October, 1928. Rev. Geo. Edmonds is to preach the Annual Sermon.

Committee

H. R. Moore, George Branch,
Thomas Pierce, C. T. Deberry.

(2) On Permanent Organization

We your Committee on Organization beg to make the following report: In view of the efficient service rendered by the present Officers, we recommend them for another year.

Committee

L. J. Day, Peter Maddrey,
Miss Bettie Cowans, Rev. L. Jacobs.

(3) On Temperance

In view of the fact that our law abiding citizens here in North Carolina and Northampton County want better law enforcement in order that our homes and churches and public assembly places will not be disturbed by those acting under the influence of strong drink; be it resolved, that the delegation of this Association is heartily in favor of the retention of the 18th amendment and the Volstead Act, with pending legislation in Congress to make the prohibition law more effective in all the states of the Union.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. Lassiter, N. T. Calvert, V. T. Bishop,
Luke Jacobs and J. T. Forriest.

(4) On Resolutions

Whereas the effusion of strange doctrines is an evil against Christion Faith, be it resolved; That the Ministers and Churches of this Association shall refuse such teaching enterance into their pulpits and do all in their power to condem such doctrine.

Committee

L. J. Day, H. D. Manley,
W. T. Garris, M. A. Kee.

Receipts

Association Funds		$ 70 00
Collections		82 39
Rich Square Institute		77 75
Minister's and Deacon's Fee		19 50
Foreign Missions		3 00
State Convention		6 50
Orphan Asylum		2 75
Union Meetings		92 64
Sunday School Convention		254 60
School Entertainments and Students		3452 00
School Commencement		295 63
Woman's Association		111 42
Woman's Union Meeting		143 12
Northbound Woman's Union Meeting		25 00
Total Collected at Association	262 49	
Total Collected during Year	4281 77	
Grand Total for Year		$4544 26

Disbursements

Moderator	$ 5 00
Vice-Moderator	2 50
Recording Secretary	5 00
Sexton	2 00
Postage and Paper	1 30
Finance Committee	9 00
Compiling Minutes	10 00
K. E. Grant for preaching	2 50
Dr. C. S. Brown (Foreign Missions)	29 50
Dr. J. H. Moore	20 00
Rev. D. L. Simons	6 59
State Convention	6 50
Orphan Asylum	2 75
Rich Square Institute	107 85
R. V. James	2 00
Balance in Treasurer	50 00
Total	$262 49